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SUBJ: YOUNG VISIT FOLLOWUP

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1. REF B CONTAINS SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS BETWEEN
AMB. YOUNG AND PARTY AND THE GOB. IN RESPONSE TO
REF A, EMBASSY SUBMITS FOLLOWING ITEMIZED LIST OF COMMITMENTS,
EXPECTATIONS AND OTHER ITEMS ARISING FROM TRIP. REF C CONTAINS
SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS WITH CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

2. EXPLICIT COMMITMENTS

A. AMB. YOUNG AGREED TO TALK WITH THE SECRETARY OF
TRANSPORTATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF CARIBBEAN AIRWAYS
TO THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD.
B. AMB. YOUNG SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE QUESTION
OF THE HIGH TARIFF NOW PLACED ON BARBADIAN (WEST INDIAN) RUM.
C. AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR VALDEZ AND DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON PROMISED TO RELAY GOB
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FEELINGS THAT THE OAS, VARIOUS IFI'S AND OTHER MULTI-
LATERAL INSTITUTIONS EXHIBIT GREATER CONCERN FOR THE
CARIBBEAN AS A REGION RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO
PLACE THE CARIBBEAN IN A LARGER LATIN AMERICAN CONTEXT.
D. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR VALDEZ COMMENTED FAVORABLY
ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A HOUSING INVESTMENT QUARANTEE
FOR LOW COST HOUSING PROJECT IN BARBADOS.

3. EXPECTATIONS. IN GENERAL THE GOB EXPECTS MORE ATTENTION AND MATERIAL BENEFITS BECAUSE OF ITS FRIENDLINESS TO THE US AND ITS DEMOCRATIC TRADITION, ECONOMIC PRUDENCE AND SPOTLESS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.

A. THE GOB EXPECTS THE USG TO REVIEW WITH A VIEW TOWARDS CHANGING AND HAVING OTHER LENDERS CHANGE THE USE OF PER CAPITA INCOME YARDSTICK FOR AID ASSISTANCE, A CRITERION THAT EXCLUDES THE GOB FROM SUCH ASSISTANCE.

B. THE GOB EXPECTS MORE ATTENTION BY THE US TO THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN AS SEPARATE FROM LATIN AMERICA.

C. THE GOB EXPECTS SUPPORT FOR ITS UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR GREATER MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LDC'S OF THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN.

D. THE GOB EXPECTS A REVIEW OF US POLICY ON THE GUATEMALA-BELIZE DISPUTE TO RESULT IN A MORE PRO-BELIZE POSITION, I.E., EARLY INDEPENDENCE WITHIN EXISTING BOUNDARIES.

E. THE GOB EXPECTS SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR BARBADIAN NATIONALS IN THE US WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION ON ALIENS IN THE US, E.E., NO DEPORTATIONS OF BARBADIANS.

F. THE GOB EXPECTS US ASSISTANCE IN PLACING MORE BARBADIANS IN UN STAFF POSITIONS.
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4. OTHER ITEMS

A. THE GOB WOULD LIKE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OR PROGRAM ASSISTANCE FROM USAID.

B. THE GOB SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED A \$20 MILLION SOFT LOAN TO BE REPAYABLE OVER 30 YEARS.

C. THE GOB PRESENTED A SHOPPING LIST OF AREAS IN WHICH US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS DESIRED, EITHER IN OR OUT OF THE CONTEXT OF A RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR THE US NAVAL FACILITY.

D. WILLIAM DEMAS OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB) EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR INCREASED US ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CDB IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL INTEGRATION.

E. AMB. YOUNG MENTIONED A CONSORTIUM OF STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN AND OUTSIDE DONORS TO CHANNEL MORE ASSISTANCE TO THE REGION.

5. MULTILATERAL APPROACHES.

THE EMBASSY VIEWS AS POSITIVE THE IDEA OF A CONSORTIUM

COMPOSED OF CARIBBEAN AND DONOR STATES AND IFI'S
PROVIDED IT IS A CONSORTIUM WITHOUT ILLUSIONS AND
WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE OBSTACLES ARE FORMIDABLE.
BECAUSE SUCH A CONSORTIUM, IF FORMED, WOULD IMPACT
DIRECTLY ON THIS EMBASSY'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
WE PLAN SEND VIA SEPTTEL OUR PRELIMINARY COMMENTS
ON VARIOUS ASPECTS WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.ORTIZ

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